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On the day following his return to Athens, Soviet Ambassador Rodionov again approached General Nicholae Plastiras in the utmost secrecy.

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NOTE: Report distributed 27 August 1946, gives information on Rodicnov's earlier approach to Plasticas.

- 2. Rodionov launched into an anti-British tirade saying that the British were creating all the trouble in Greece and that this was the reason why thay were unwilling to arm the Greck Army adequately enough to pacify the country. Rodionov insisted that Greece was doomed if the British continued their influence in the country. He argued that Greece's only salvation lay in the expulsion of the British. The Soviet Ambassador further stated that he had reliable information that the British actually did not propose to leave Greece in the foreseeable
- 3. General Plasticas turned down Ambassador Rodionov's suggestion that the former lead a strong anti-British campaign in Greece. In doing so, Plastiras baldly asserted that if he led such a campaign, this would aid the Communists, who were at present damaging Greece. At the same time Plastiras reaffirmed Greece's desire for friendship with Russia and begged Rodionov not to support the KKE. Rodionov denied that mussia was supporting the Communists, and Plastiras replied that every-
- 4. Plastiras agreed with Redionov that the present government was most unsuitable as it did not inspire confidence.

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